

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2-18 are pending in the instant application. Claim 1 was cancelled and claims 2-18 were newly added. Support for the claim amendments presented herein can be found throughout the specification and particularly in the Examples. For example, support for new claim 2 is found at least in Example 1, at page 11 lines 14-24. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

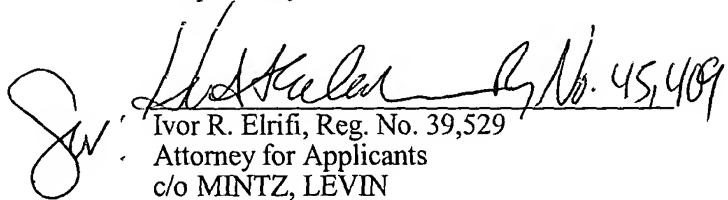
CONCLUSION

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22531-505 CON2.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivor R. Elrifi', is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the number 'No. 45,409' is handwritten.

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